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# Mad Folk NEWS

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## Nov. 11 concert: Harvey Reid and Joyce Andersen

They always say that folkies have LONG memories, so remember back to how much fun you had September 21, 2001—or how sorry you were you missed Harvey Reid's concert then? Well, now's your big chance to re-live the experience, or right that wrong. And bring a pal, because Harvey is bringing one too! That's just a clever way of working in the fact that Harvey has married one of the best singer/songwriter/fiddlers around, Joyce Andersen, and on Thursday, November 11, you get to see and hear them together.

### Harvey

Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Harvey Reid has honed his craft over the last 30 years in countless clubs, festivals, street corners, cafes, schools, and concert halls across the nation. He has been called a "giant of the steel strings" and "one of the true treasures of American acoustic music." He has absorbed a vast repertoire of American contemporary and roots music and woven it into his own colorful, personal, and distinctive style.

In 17 recordings, he has showcased his mastery of many instruments and styles of acoustic music, from hip folk to slashing slide guitar blues to bluegrass, old-time, Celtic, ragtime, and even classical. You'll find elements of the traditional troubadour, the modern poet-songwriter, the American back-porch picker, the classical virtuoso, and even a good bit of Will Rogers-style dry humor and satire. You'll hear folk, country, classical, blues, ragtime,



Joyce Andersen, Harvey Reid

rockabilly, Celtic, bluegrass, and popular music influences. Although Reid has a vast repertoire of traditional and contemporary songs, his concert material consists mostly of his own compositions and traditional music.

### Joyce

Joyce Andersen is a greatly talented and versatile fiddler, songwriter, and singer. She recently stepped out as a solo artist after many years in New England, New York, and Nashville in numerous bluegrass, swing, Celtic, and country bands, playing shows from Carnegie Hall (with The McKrells) to the Conan O'Brien show (with Marshall Crenshaw). The *Boston Globe* called her "...an exciting young fiddler-singer with pre-

cious traditional savvy and street-smart contemporary sensibility." She can melt you with a Billie Holiday torch song, dash off a flawless set of Swedish fiddle tunes, or hypnotize you with one of her haunting guitar songs.

Together, Harvey and Joyce form a rare and versatile musical partnership, combining the best of American virtuoso instrumental work with razor-sharp harmony singing and a captivating stage presence. The *Boston Globe*, in its review of their new CD, said, "Downeast musicians Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen... have brought each other's music to new heights. The duo's new Woodpecker CD, *Kindling the Fire*, is a rootsy, warmhearted delight, rambling amiably from traditional gems to their own eloquent, timeless songs. Andersen's fiddling is fresh, fun, and spacious, Reid's guitar playing fluid and graceful, and their harmonies—well, you'd think they were in love..."

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## 'Tis the season to RENEW

If the mailing label on this newsletter ends with Exp. DEC 04, you need to start thinking about renewing your membership in Mad Folk!

As a reminder, your membership benefits include receiving this newsletter every month, a \$1 discount off the DOOR price (not advance price) of any Mad Folk event, and a coupon good for a 10% discount (up to \$15) on accessories, strings, books, and music at Spruce Tree Music. Use the form on this newsletter and take some time to renew now!

# Harvey Reid, Joyce Andersen

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Mad Folk is proud to present Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen at a downtown location—First United

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